COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

JOINT PETITION FOR ARBITRATION OF (
NEWSOUTH COMMUNICATIONS CORP.,	CASE NO.
NUVOX COMMUNICATIONS, INC., KMC)	2004-00044
TELECOM V, INC., KMC TELECOM III LLC,	
AND XSPEDIUS COMMUNICATIONS, LLC ON)	
BEHALF OF ITS OPERATING SUBSIDIARIES)	
XSPEDIUS MANAGEMENT CO. SWITCHED)	
SERVICES, LLC, XSPEDIUS MANAGEMENT)	
CO. OF LEXINGTON, LLC, AND XSPEDIUS	
MANAGEMENT CO. OF LOUISVILLE, LLC)	
OF AN INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT)	
WITH BELLSOUTH TELECOMMUNICATIONS,)	
INC. PURSUANT TO SECTION 252(B) OF THE	
COMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1934, AS	
AMENDED)	

NOTICE OF PARTICIPATION

I have served as a Commissioner since August 16, 2004. Prior to my appointment as Commissioner, I served as Vice President of External Affairs for ALLTEL Communications and its Kentucky affiliates. I terminated all relationships with these entities, including any financial interests I may have previously held, before being appointed as Commissioner. However, to avoid any appearance of a conflict, I have refrained from participating in any matter involving a telecommunications carrier. My desire has been that my abstention would help to uphold the public confidence in the

¹ I have participated in dockets involving telecommunications carriers filed with the Commission on and after February 16, 2005. My 6-month anniversary is February 15, 2005.

independence and integrity of this Commission, though I am unaware of any law that expressly prohibited my participation in Commission proceedings. By this notice I am announcing that I will, from this date forward, participate in deliberations and decisions

regarding the above-styled proceeding.

W. Gregory Coker Commissioner

Public Service Commission

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DATED: <u>June 10, 2005</u>

cc: Parties of Record